

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Middle District of Georgia

CM/ECF Upgrade

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The United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Georgia will upgrade to the latest version of CM/ECF software on November 14, 2011. This upgrade contains numerous revisions and enhancements that will affect attorney filers, limited filers and trustees. Please review the information in this newsletter for a brief explanation of the changes that will be visible to you. For details regarding the revisions, please visit our website at:

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INTERNET BROWSERS



The most recent version of CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Firefox 3.5 and Internet Explorer 7 and 8. Mozilla Firefox 2 and Internet Explorer 6 will not be supported.

SECURITY

All CM/ECF passwords must be changed to meet a new improved standard. Your password must contain at least eight (8) characters, and must include upper and lower case alphabetic/numeric characters. A minimum of one special character will be required. [example: 0-9, @, #, \$, %, &, *, +, :]. You'll be prompted to set your password to meet these requirements the first time you log in after the upgrade has been implemented. If you use automated software to log in to CM/ECF, remember to also update the password information used by the software.

When your electronic notifications email address is created and/or updated, you'll be prompted to enter a primary and secondary email address two times. This information will not be saved until the two fields match.

New docket events will be provided for filing sealed entries and documents. Filing one of these events automatically restricts the document and or event information, thereby allowing only court designated users the ability to view the document. If you are authorized to see certain sealed data, you will be reminded that the information must not be shared. For users who do not have access to sealed case information, limited information will be displayed on the cases report.

NOTICING

Currently, attorneys receive the 341 notice by notice of electronic filing (NEF) with the debtor's redacted Social Security Number (SSN) and by U.S. Mail through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) with the debtor's full SSN. CM/ECF will allow the BNC to send an email containing a secure hyperlink to the unredacted 341 notice in place of a paper notice. The BNC will send one summary email per day containing hyperlinks to one or more notices. Each hyperlink provides one free look to the full notice. You will no longer receive the paper 341 notice from the BNC.

Notification of undeliverable addresses for all notices transmitted by the BNC will

be to your primary email address on file with the court.

Where a document is being noticed to recipients through the BNC and through CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), the BNC Certificate of Notice will reflect both BNC and CM/ECF NEF recipients. Information regarding who was noticed by NEF, and when they were noticed, will be appended to the BNC Certificate of Notice.

When a party is terminated, the terminated party will be included in the noticing list for that one event.



REPORTS

Several reports will be enhanced to provide you with access to detailed case related information according to your specification. In particular, the Calendar Events, Cases, Docket, Query and Claims Summary Reports include more detailed information along with

new filter and sort options and/or hyperlinks for your convenience.

ADVERSARY AND BANKRUPTCY CASE OPENING

Attorneys will no longer have to create an association with the plaintiff when filing an adversary proceeding. The filer will be automatically linked as the plaintiff's attorney. The "Attorney" button has been replaced with an "Add additional attorney" button. Also, when filing a Notice of Removal, the defendant's attorney now has the ability to open the case and create an association with their party.



When opening a new bankruptcy case, counties for all states will be available in the database for selection. The county list will automatically display all counties for the state entered in the state field and the county format includes the two-letter state abbreviation. The "Out of State" option is no longer available at case opening.

TRUSTEE'S 341 FILINGS

The Trustee's 341 filings program has been enhanced to include options to continue multiple 341 meetings at one time, add customized text to each docket entry, add standardized text to indicate whether the debtor(s) appeared, sort by time as well as case number and to allow Chapter 13 Trustees to use the Trustee's 341 Filings Program.

CLAIMS FILING

The Proof of Claim entry screen text and formatting have been modified to match the Official B10 Claim form. The unsecured or unknown amounts can no longer be entered and the total amount of claim is no longer calculated. The Notice of Electronic Claims Filing will now show the categories of the claim amounts requested by the claimant. The "File another claim" hyperlink has been moved to the top of the page for easier access.

BANKRUPTCY RULE 3002.1

Rule 3002.1 becomes effective on December 1, 2011, and provides a process for a Chapter 13 debtor to cure a default and maintain payments on a home mortgage during the plan. It applies to claims that are secured by a security interest in the debtor's principal residence and is provided for under 1322(b)(5) of the Code.

The Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment (B10 Attachment A) is required to be filed with a proof of claim secured by the debtor's principal residence.

The Notice of Mortgage Payment Change (B10 Supplement 1) and Notice of Post-Petition Mortgage Fees, Expenses, and Charges (B10 Supplement 2) are new forms that must be filed by a creditor as a supplement to the proof of claim when applicable. These forms should not be filed as an attachment to the proof of claim or as an amended proof of claim. Once the Chapter 13 Trustee files a Notice of Final Cure Payment, the holder of the claim must file a Response to Notice of Final Cure Payment.